

Please amend the specification has follows:

On page 2, add:

Figure 2 depicts an impact absorption mechanism as utilized by one embodiment.

Beginning on page 3, the second full paragraph, please accept the following revisions to incorporate reference numbers for the specification to facilitate understanding the drawings:

[001] As previously described, various problem exist for protective devices for signs or mailboxes.

For example, they fail to sufficiently protect the entire sign or mailbox and only protect the receptacle for the sign or mailbox. Likewise, they fail to give proper notice of address and other information. In contrast, in one aspect, the claimed subject matter depicts a protective device that is sturdy and easy to assemble and offers various options. The claimed subject matter depicts a panel coupled to support pipes 103 via a plurality of impact absorption mechanisms 102. Also, the protective device offers various options. For example, in one embodiment, the protective device utilizes a top panel to display a customized message, poster or sign 106, and may include an address and name plate. Likewise, in another embodiment, a photoelectric cell light 107 may be coupled to the protective device to offer illumination for a message, poster, sign, or any phrase. Also, in another embodiment, the protective device may be mounted to anchor pipes in the ground via a leveling/alignment anchor apparatus 105. The anchor apparatus may be sealed with a plurality of rubber plugs. In yet another embodiment, the message, poster, sign, or poster is enclosed within a water-tight compartment 108.

[002] Figure 1 illustrates an apparatus utilized in accordance with an embodiment. The apparatus depicts a protective device for a mailbox or sign. The protective device comprises a main panel coupled to support pipes via a plurality of impact absorption mechanisms. In one embodiment, the impact absorption mechanisms are depicted by label 102 and comprise a t-bar shaped support coupled to a back side of the main panel. The t-bar shaped support houses a spring 104 at one end with a rod that has a stop slot and a stop screw. In this embodiment, the length of the support mechanism is six inches.